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Referendum passes by 2:1 margin

Morris School District vote shows ringing endorsement for Regional Fitness Center

JUDY RILEY University Relations

By a decisive two to one margin, voters in the Morris School District passed a referendum on November 4 in support of a Regional Fitness Center (RFC). Paired with the RFC referendum was a referendum to decide the fate of the district's operating fund levy authority, which also passed.

"The decisive vote from the community to support the Regional Fitness Center is good news indeed," said UMM Chancellor David Johnson. "Thanks to many, many people for their

hard work to make this happen."

The proposed Regional Fitness Center, a cooperative effort between the UMM and Morris area communities, will be a public fitness center available to the entire region for its fitness, recreation and wellness. Building plans for the Center call for an indoor recreation zero

depth entry pool with water slide, a new two-court gymnasium with an all-purpose floor, an indoor walking track, a cardiovascular area, and an aerobic area. It is expected that Morris area schools



Both University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof and Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson pledged their support of the Morris Science Project. UMM Chancellor David Johnson is pictured with Governor Carlson. (story page 4)

and Community Education, regional families, students and senior citizens, the Stevens Community Medical Center, and the UMM campus community will cooperatively use the Center. The proposed building will be attached to the current Physical Education Center on the UMM campus in an effort to maximize the use of both facilities.

"On behalf of the Morris Area High School and Elementary School, I would like to express our gratitude for the recent bond election," said Michael Martin, principal of Morris Area High School. "Not only did district residents overwhelmingly support an excess operating referendum for daily operations, but on the same ballot they approved by

more than a 2:1 margin a bond issue that will help fund the Regional Fitness Center."

"We should not lose sight of the fact that this referendum was a Morris Public School referendum and would not have been possible without the support of the School Board," said Lowell Rasmussen, UMM vice chancellor for physical plant and member of the RFC task force. "It speaks well of the community that they supported both the levy and the RFC referendum by such decisive margins."

In the \$5 million RFC funding plan, \$2.5 million would come from UMM, \$1 million from the Morris Area School District, and \$1.5 million

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You want to be in that number

When the RFC pledges come marching in

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Putting their money where the vote is, several local Morris businesses, individuals and organizations have already pledged nearly \$400,000 toward the construction of the Regional Fitness Center.

Kleespie Tank and Petroleum and Riley Bros, both Morris businesses

owned by Morris natives, kicked off the fundraising drive by pledging \$125,000 each over a five-year period.

In June, trustees of the Otto Bremer Foundation approved a \$20,000 grant to be used toward establishing the Center.

Matching the \$20,000 pledge of their parent company, the Bremer Foundation, First American Bank of Morris has announced a pledge of \$20,000.

The City of Morris pledged \$200,000. The Morris Area School District contributed \$1 million through the passing of the bond referendum by voters (see story above).

More recently, West Central Environmental Consultants of Morris has pledged \$5,000. James Van Alstine, vice president of the company, said, "We are a company that is staffed primarily with young people and families. I see this as an opportunity to provide something more for those members of our community."

Arden Granger of Morris has recently joined the Presidents Club at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Her pledge to the RFC comprises the major part of her \$10,000 Presidents Club commitment.

"Because the Regional Fitness Center will make such an important and enduring contribution to the quality of life of both the University and the City of Morris, making a substantial gift to the project is a splendid investment in the future of the two communities about

which I care so deeply," said Granger.

Those who make pledges of \$100,000 or more have an opportunity to name an area within the facility. A pledge of \$500,000 will allow the do-

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PUPPET CONSTRUCTION Morris area youngsters -- and their parents, day care providers and adult chaperones -- transformed ordinary items like buttons, beads, scraps of fabric, egg cartons and styrofoam into magical puppet personalities when the Wood and Strings Puppet Theatre came to town on November 7. Tess Cotter, Alyson Berget and Melanie Thorstad display their creations. Another photo on page 9. (Judy Riley photo)

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Chancellor Search Update

The Chancellor Search Committee began reviewing applications for the position on November 17. The goal of the committee is to establish a pool of finalists by late December 1997 and to have on-campus interviews with about four or five candidates in late January/early February 1998. It is expected that a successor to Chancellor David Johnson, who will retire in June 1998, will be named in April 1998. The position will remain open until it is filled. Committee members include representatives from the University of Minnesota; UMM student body, faculty and staff; UMM alumni; and the Morris community.

Pranksters Unite!

Were you among those UMM pranksters who sodded Provost Rodney Briggs' office in the 60s? (don't even try such a stunt now; chancellor's executive secretary Rebecca Webb is a "sodbuster" from way back!) Not to be outdone by the pranksters of yesteryear, a person or persons unknown greeted University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof when he visited UMM in October by painting "YUDOF" on the roof of the Student Center. Physical Plant employees, who had the unfortunate task of climbing up to the roof to wash it off, report that, while it did no damage to the roof, it was a chore to scrub off, having dried in the midday sun. The prankster, obviously eager to please the new president, who has a passion for pancakes, had written the message in -- what else -- pancake batter!

This Was No Trick

Students who live in residence halls collected non-perishable food items door-to-door within the city of Morris on Halloween eve. Their efforts garnered a total of 1,228 cans to benefit the Stevens County Food Shelf.

Choir Gets "Curtain Call"

For the second time in two years, the UMM Concert Choir under the direction of Ken Hodgson, performed with the Minnesota Orchestra and their world-renowned director, Eiji Oue, in Orchestra Hall. The Choir joined with the Minneapolis Oratorio Society to provide the choral portion of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the well-known "Ode To Joy!," December 12-14.

NATS Auditions

Seven vocal students, under the direction of Janet Ahern, assistant professor of music, participated in the National Association of Teachers of Singing's regional auditions November 7-8 at St. John's University in Collegeville. Participants were: Rebecca Hachfeld, Faribault, soprano, accompanied by Beth Haugland, Fridley, piano; Frederick Ballew, Richfield, baritone, accompanied by DeEtte Tobias, New Ulm, piano; Kathryn Buckle, Tyler, soprano, accompanied by Amanda Hulten, Grand Rapids, piano; Kim Carlson, Morris, soprano, accompanied by Hulten, piano; Patricia Dorn, Glenwood, soprano, accompanied by Susan Schleder, Sebeka, piano; Chad Van Heel, Clarissa, tenor, accompanied by Kari Fredericksen, Stillwater, piano; and Schleder, soprano, accompanied by Dorn, piano.



UMM ALUMNI Alana Christensen, '91, White Bear Lake, and Christina Muedeking, '92, Tracy, both of whom work in Congressman David Minge's (DFL, 2nd District) office, accompanied Minge during his November visit to UMM. Christensen is the executive assistant for Minge; Muedeking works as a legislative counsel. Pausing for a photo with Christensen and Muedeking (front l-r) are Muedeking's sister and current UMM student, Julia Muedeking (back, right), and Shawn Pritchett (back, left), Pipestone, who will serve as a student intern in Minge's office during UMM's academic winter quarter. While at UMM, Minge and his staff were the guests at a roundtable discussion on the topics of The Center for Small Towns and the cleanup of the Minnesota River basin. The day's agenda also included an open coffee gathering with members of the UMM and Morris area communities, and a visit to Greg Thorson's (assistant professor) political science class. (Judy Riley photo)

MEA/MFT Visits

Approximately 350 prospective UMM students and their families toured the campus each day, October 16-17, as part of the MEA/MFT Campus Preview, coordinated by the Office of Admissions. The program is designed to give visitors an in-depth look at UMM and its unique features. Students and parents met UMM's faculty, toured the campus, participated in information sessions and exchanged observations with a student panel. A number of Special Visit Days are scheduled throughout the academic year. To schedule a campus visit, call the UMM Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, 1-800-992-8863.

ACS Receives Recognition

The American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Affiliates chapter at UMM has been selected as an Honorable-Mention chapter for its activities conducted during the 1996-97 academic year. The Society is the world's largest professional and international organization associated with all levels of chemistry. Of 900 national chapters, UMM appears in the top 15-20. Chapter advisers Jim Olson, associate professor, and Roger Echols, assistant professor, both chemistry faculty, submit annual reports concerning the local chapter's events. Community service, social functions, and networking are only a few of the group's activities. The efforts by both student and adviser chapter members will be recognized at a banquet in the spring.

Spiritual Pathways

Why don't Jews celebrate Christmas? What are the "five pillars" of Islam? What God do Buddhists worship? The director of the counseling service and the vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, Shannon Hodges and Sam Schuman, have inaugurated what is to be a continuing series focusing upon the varieties of religious background and practice within the community. A series of informal presentations and discussions in which a member of the UMM community will share their spiritual perspective in an open, casual, friendly setting, is planned. The hope is to introduce a range of less-

common religious traditions to those who may be curious about them, or wish to know more about various beliefs and traditions. The first presentation was given on December 3 by Dr. Barbara Burke, speech communication, who talked about her experiences as a Jew in Morris, at UMM, and in west central Minnesota. The Muslim and Buddhist faiths are scheduled as topics for discussion later in the year.

A Major Exhibition

A major exhibition of African art came to the Gallery of the Humanities Fine Arts Center in October and November. Forty-six tribal groups from nine African regions were represented. The exhibit originated from the Family Foundation Collection. Marion Kafitz, the collection curator, was a guest at the

public opening of the exhibit.

CAC Garners Honors

The Campus Activities Council received "The Adventure Continues" award for the 1996-97 Convocations series, and third place in logo design for the Valuing Differences logo which appears on the UMM Finding Common Ground pledge T-shirts. These awards were presented at the National Association for Campus Activities - Upper Midwest Conference held in October.

MSP Director Search Underway

A search committee for the position of director of the Minority Student Program, to succeed retiring director, William Stewart, has been selected. Committee members are Thomas McRoberts (chair), Solomon Gashaw (faculty-sociology), Ron Morris (student), Becky Stolt (student), Miriam Rea (student), Erika Rosch (faculty-French), Michael Miller (Minority Student Program staff), Engin Sungur (faculty-mathematics/statistics), Jennifer Redlin (student), Rodney Oto (directory, Admissions and Financial Aid), and Tonya Freeman (alumna). Application deadline is February 6, 1998. The finalist interviews will likely be conducted in early spring quarter, 1998, with expectations that a new director will be in place by July 1, 1998.

Hiking in Scandinavia

A tour, to be led by Chancellor Dave Johnson in July to some of the most scenic parts of the Swedish and Norwegian mountains, welcomes UMM alums, parents and friends. Cost for the July 10-23 trek, which includes round-trip air fare from the Twin Cities, accommodations in fine mountain hotels, and most meals, is a price-sensitive \$2,995. Contact Dave Johnson at johnsond@caa.mrs.umn.edu or (320) 589-2622 for a brochure and further information.

Uehlings Thank Philosophy Alumni

A heartfelt thank you to all who have written and contributed to the Ted Uehling Scholarship Fund. The letters have been a wonderful affirmation of Ted's hopes for his students and of the importance philosophy as a discipline can play in every facet of life from law, to education, to parenting.

-Anne & Ted Uehling

Profile

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Faculty/Staff/Students

Bryan Williamson has assumed the position of director of Chartwells, formerly called Professional Food Management. Brian was the former food service production manager, and has worked in UMM food service since August 1996. He replaces **Gerald Zimmer**, who is now working in a food service capacity at Fort Hays State University, Kansas.

Ken and Linda Hodgson, are happy to announce the addition to their family of a new son, Dan Hodgson, age 11.

David Mayo, maintenance electrician, Plant Services, began his UMM duties on September 22.

Assistant professor of studio art **Jess Larson** was selected by juror, Maria Tomasula, as the recipient of a Juror's Recognition Award in WARM's (Women's Art Registry of Minnesota) 18th Annual Juried Exhibition for Women Artists. Larson participated in a juried show for Minnesota Women Artists, sponsored by the Northern Women's Art Collective.

Bettina Blake, associate to the director of fund development, presented the opening convocation address on September 4 at Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo. The title was "A Bonfire on the Hill" - a reference to a historical event in the life of the college - and a discussion of the centrality of intellectual values in setting priorities for liberal arts colleges.

Lora M. Martin, '98, presented a paper, titled "Classroom Scheduling Models: A Discrete Optimization Approach," at the Summer Conference of the Mathematical Association of America in Atlanta, Ga., August 1-5. The research was supported by the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), and was in collaboration with **Peh Ng**, assistant professor of mathematics.

Greg Thorson, assistant professor of political science, and two UMM students, **Tasina Nitzschke** and **Bill Fletcher**, completed their work in assisting the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council (SMPIC) apply for a McKnight Grant. The three member team administered surveys to both AFDC recipients and businesses in Region 6W of southwestern Minnesota. Their report summarizes the many challenges that welfare recipients and businesses face as they adjust to the new work requirements mandated by the recently passed welfare reform bill, including such issues as child care avail-

ability, transportation, benefits, and wages.

Volume 2 of *Advances in Gender Research*, co-editors: **Vasilikie Demos**, professor of sociology, and **Marcia Texler Segal**, associate vice chancellor, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, published by JAI came out in August. A copy is being given to the library.

"The Symbolic Construction of Russia and the United States on Russian National Television," written by Philo Wasburn of Purdue University and **Barbara Burke**, UMM assistant professor of speech communication, appeared in *The Sociological Quarterly*, vol. 38 no. 4 Nov. 1997.

"Warmup To Wrestle Your Best," by head wrestling coach **Doug Reese**, appeared in the October 1 edition of *Wrestling USA* magazine.

An article titled, "Hutchins of Chicago: the University President as Publicist," by **Roland L. Guyotte**, associate professor of history, appeared in the inaugural issue of *Illinois Heritage*. Guyotte said that he was especially pleased that another author in the same issue is a personal hero, former U.S. Senator Paul Simon.

David Fluegel, '97, has been hired on a part-time temporary basis as a community program assistant for The Center for Small Towns. Fluegel's position is grant funded.

Karen Fischer, director of the Rodney Briggs Library, is cited in the July 1997 edition of *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*. An article, pp. 281-290, titled "College Library Directors Mentor Program: 'Passing it on: A Personal Reflection,'" says: "Karen Fischer, library director at the University of Minnesota-Morris, created a closed discussion group on the Internet available only to participating first-year college library directors and the mentors. About 60 librarians participate in this listserv..."

Seung-Ho Joo, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper, "Korean Foreign Relations Toward the 21st Century," at the 15th International Conference on Asian Affairs on October 4-5, St. John's University, New York. This paper will be published in the *American Asian Review* (spring 1998). He recently published an article (co-authored with Tae-Hwan Kwak), "The Four-Party Peace Talks: Inter-Korean Bilateral Agenda," in *Pacific*

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A Conversation With...

The Office of Fund Development

The New Presidents Club

MADDY MAXEINER '96 AND
LAURA THIELKE '95

Changes are coming to the University of Minnesota Presidents Club, which means now is a highly advantageous time to join the prestigious gift club at soon-to-be-expiring membership levels.

As of July 1, 1998, the minimum gift level required for membership will be raised to \$25,000. However, for the rest of this year, donors have an opportunity to join the Presidents Club by making a gift at the current \$10,000 gift level, or through a pledge of \$1,000 a year for up to 10 years.

This limited-time opportunity is especially attractive because previous gifts to the University can be counted toward the \$10,000 minimum qualification. For example, a donor who has already contributed \$5,000 during a lifetime of giving to the University would need only to pledge the remaining \$5,000 before June 30 to qualify for Presidents Club membership.

Another benefit is that all company matching gifts received after January 1, 1997, will be recognized as part of Presidents Club gifts. Donors who work for companies that match charitable gifts dollar-for-dollar could join the Presidents Club between now and June 30 for \$5,000, plus the company's matching gift contributions of \$5,000. (Donors should check with their company's human resources office for details.)

Current Presidents Club members will be unaffected by these changes.

The Presidents Club is the

University's largest lifetime giving society. It was established in 1963, and has not been updated even though the current value of the original gift level of \$10,000 is worth \$56,700 today. The University of Minnesota Foundation's Board of Trustees decided to raise the minimum gift required for Presidents Club membership to \$25,000 after a review of other Universities' membership requirements and meetings with donors, volunteers, development staff, and leaders in educational fundraising.

If you have given to UMM generously and plan to continue, but have not yet joined the Presidents Club, perhaps now is the time! Gifts or pledges of \$10,000 made before June 30, 1998, will automatically be "grandfathered" into the new Presidents Club program.

Presidents Club members are recognized through a variety of University events and invitations to annual Presidents Club events. In addition, members are listed in the University and UMM's annual donor publications and acknowledged in displays in Northrop Memorial Auditorium on the Twin Cities campus and in Oyate Hall on the UMM campus. Donors may also choose to remain anonymous. Donors may designate their Presidents Club gifts to particular programs or areas within the University.

Alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends wishing to know more about joining the Presidents Club for UMM please contact Maddy Maxeiner at the UMM Office of Fund Development, 312 Behmler Hall, Morris MN 56267 or call (320) 589-6066.

New Language Teaching Center is State-of-the-Art

Renovations to the old language lab in the Humanities building have resulted in a state-of-the-art Language Teaching Center. The center's primary function is as a computerized classroom where foreign language faculty will conduct their classes on a regular basis. The LTC is equipped with 14 PowerMac 7500 computers, each with stereo headphones and microphones for use with interactive language software.

The Language Teaching Center is also open to language students for individual study when classes are not scheduled. Several computers have been installed with Microsoft Word capable of spell-checking French, German and Spanish documents. In addition, the center houses several interactive language CD titles, including "Let's Visit Mexico," "Let's Visit France," "Rosetta Stone," "German the Easy Way," and "Practice Makes Perfect Spanish." SCOLA (international television) broadcasts are aired continuously in the

center, and students may peruse the shelves of language periodicals.

According to Erica Rosch, director of the Language Teaching Center and UMM French instructor, the facility will also benefit UMM faculty who wish to create language exercises and drills on the computer. For their use, a PowerMac 8500 multimedia computer station has been purchased and is installed with several language authoring programs, including Dasher, Libra and Authorware.

Students not currently enrolled in language classes, but who are interested in languages and/or planning trips abroad and want to brush up on their language skills can use the center, as long as current language students get first priority on the equipment.

Learn more about the center by accessing its extensive web site at <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/~ltc>.



CORIOLANUS Members of the cast of the fall play, "Coriolanus," sparr in one of several battle scenes, performed through stylized choreography designed by sophomore Eric Lotzer of New Hope, with original musical score by senior Mike Trosvig of Fergus Falls. (Jessica Gunther photo)

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CELEBRATION IN PE CENTER Fitness tests were given as part of the RFC celebration at the UMM P.E. Center following the passage of the RFC funding referendum. Pictured trying out the equipment are, l-r: Katie Glasrud and Sarah Schlicht. Looking on are Charles Glasrud, Morris attorney, and Marilyn Syverson, health and fitness teacher at Morris Area High School.

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nor (s) to name the building. Gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a Wall of Honor in the building. Once the legislative funding is approved -- it is expected by May 1998 -- the construc-

tion timetable will be fast-paced. Target date for RFC construction completion is fall 1999.

If you would like to make a pledge toward the Regional Fitness Center, contact Vivian Heltemes at UMM, 312 Behmler Hall, (320) 589-6066.

A governor and a president:

Mark Yudof and Arne Carlson endorse the Morris Science Project

Both University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof and Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson have endorsed the Morris Science Project. Governor

for capital improvements at each of the University's campuses, as well as at its agricultural research stations. The package breaks down as follows:

Minneapolis campus	- \$161,850,000
St. Paul campus	- \$14,050,000
Morris campus	- \$29,483,000
Duluth campus	- \$25,843,000
Crookston campus	- \$4,624,000
Agriculture Research Stations	- \$4,400,000
Systemwide Health & Life Safety	- \$6,800,000
Planning Funds for Future Projects	- \$1,900,000

President Mark Yudof affirmed the governor's remarks, saying, "We have a bond package before the legislature of over \$220 million. That's the largest bond package in the history of the University. I think what we need to do is to not pick apart this bond package, but get the thing passed as a whole."

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Mark Yudof

Carlson announced the largest bonding initiative in the history of the University of Minnesota at a gathering on the Minneapolis campus in October. The governor was joined for the announcement by University President Mark Yudof, Board of Regents President William Hogan, UMM Chancellor Dave Johnson, and U of M-Crookston campus Chancellor Donald Sargeant. The \$249 million package includes funding



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS The Regional Fitness Center and the Morris Science Project were major topics of conversation around the breakfast table when UMM alumni who own or manage businesses in Morris were guests at the first of several "community conversation" breakfasts, hosted by Chancellor Johnson. Associate vice chancellor for physical plant, Lowell Rasmussen, left, one of many who were instrumental in the RFC campaign, talks with WCEDA member Bud Rentz '93, and Sam Schuman (back to camera), vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean. (Judy Riley photo)

WCEDA goes the extra (50) mile(s) with legislators at Willmar mini-session

JODY GRAY University Relations
'97, Ridgeview, S.D.

Several members of the West Central Educational Development Association (WCEDA) attended three days of a legislative mini-session in Willmar this past October. Their focus was to increase the awareness of the strong citizen support in west central Minnesota for the University of Minnesota, Morris, the Morris Science Project and the Regional Fitness Center. Chuck Brown, former legislator and WCEDA lobbyist, felt "the mini-session and WCEDA's involvement was very beneficial in gaining support from the Legislature."

WCEDA members told legislators about their concern for the lack of adequate space and facilities that are currently in use by science and math students at the Morris campus. Forty percent of incoming freshman express interest in science and mathematical majors; thus upgrading is important to remain competitive. Concern for health and safety of the students was another topic of discussion. In addition WCEDA representatives told of the community support for the Morris Science Project and the Regional Fitness Center. The architectural plans are already made, they said, all that is needed is the support of the Minnesota Legislature.

Each year legislators are faced with requests for public funding that exceed available resources, said Brown. The University's funding requests must be well understood and clearly validated by the people of the state, he added. WCEDA members have taken on this challenge. WCEDA, which represents the Morris area community, has roots that go back 40 years when it was an active participant in creating the University of Minnesota, Morris. Today WCEDA lends support for continuing the University's vital educational presence in western Minnesota. The Morris area WCEDA members who attended the mini-session were Liz Morrison, Dennis Ellefson, Les Norman, Warren Anderson, Bud Rentz, Keith Davison, Sylvia Schmidt, Carol Wilcox, along with UMM representative, Maddy Maxeiner, assistant to the chancellor for external affairs.

Brown believes the presence of WCEDA at the mini-session was "tremendously helpful." They were the only group there who were related to the higher education process. Brown

felt this could prove to be helpful in persuading the legislature to look at west central Minnesota and approve the funding request. Liz Morrison, co-chair of WCEDA, added that the legislators are "aware of UMM and supportive of their mission." The WCEDA group received many positive remarks from the legislators and Brown has been approached recently with more positive remarks.

The legislators who attended were: Bob Westfall (Rep.-Rothsay), Torrey Westrom (Rep.-Elbow Lake), Ted Winter (DFL-Fulda), Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul), Howard Swenson (Rep.-Nicollet), Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey), Alice Seagron (Rep.-Bloomington), Jim Rostberg (Rep.-Isanti), Joe Opatz (DFL-St. Cloud), Bud Nornes (Rep.-Fergus Falls), Carlos Mariani (DFL-St. Paul), Mark Mahon (DFL-Bloomington), Sharon Marko (DFL-Newport), Bob Ness (Rep.-Dassel), Dee Long (Rep.-Minneapolis), Bernie Lieder (Rep.-Crookston), Henry Kalis (Rep.-Walters), Al Juhnke (Rep.-Willmar), Bob Gunther (Rep.-Fairmont), Greg Davids (Rep.-Preston), Mike Delmont (DFL-Lexington), Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul), Tony Kielkucki (Rep.-Lester Prairie) and Hilda Betterman (Rep.-Brandon).

Want to have a voice in the future of UMM?

We hope you agree that legislative funding of the proposed Morris Science Project is essential to maintaining the excellence that has already been a part of the 37-year history of the UMM campus.

In order to continue this tradition of excellence, to provide a quality education to the increasing numbers of science and math undergraduates, and to attract quality faculty and staff, please help us!

Write the legislators in your district!

For further information about how you can help, contact Maddy Maxeiner, assistant to the chancellor for external affairs, (320) 589-6066.

Athletic Update

Mark Fohl, Director of Athletics



Mark Fohl

By the time you receive this edition of *Profile*, the fall sports season is behind us and the winter sports season is well underway.

Homecoming Saturday was a beautiful day and the Cougars dominated Bemidji State to win their first Homecoming football game in four years, 45-28.

The athletic complex is looking better with a new track surface that was completed this fall. It has a much better surface than the previous track, and it includes a steeplechase pit that allows UMM to once again host competition. The track renewal project was a combined effort of UMM and Morris Area High School.

Work has also continued in the effort to add recreation space to the P.E. Center when the P.E. Annex is demolished. With the school district passage of the Regional Fitness Center referendum in the November election, this dream is closer to becoming a reality.

In other news, we now have two certified athletic trainers on our staff. Todd Neuharth, '88, continues to serve as head athletic trainer; however, the addition of sports and the expansion of off-season programs made it necessary to have a second certified trainer. Dominic Greenfield will serve as Todd's assistant and will be teaching in the Wellness and Sport Science discipline as well as helping with the men's tennis team in the spring.

The first former Cougar baseball player has made it to the major leagues. Kerry Ligtenberg, who pitched for the Cougars in 1990 and 1991, was called up to the Atlanta Braves this summer and pitched for them in the National League Championship Series. Kerry was an outstanding pitcher for the Cougars and still holds the record for strikeouts in a season. He completed his degree in chemical engineering at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, before pitching briefly in the minor leagues.

I hope you can make it to some basketball and wrestling competitions this winter.



GO, COUGARS!

A Wrestling Lynk



LYNK demonstrates a wrestling hold that makes him a champion.

UMM's Kip Lynk is a team player

HEIDI THROGMORTON '01
University Relations

Kip Lynk has actually been wrestling since he was in first grade. Lynk, a fifth year senior from Chanhassen, participated in many sports in the past, but he decided to take a more serious attitude toward wrestling in the sixth grade. With some inspiration from his dad, Lynk began his wrestling career.

When looking for an ideal college, wrestling was a big component. He looked at two or three colleges, but decided UMM was the place for him and enjoys being part of the wrestling team. "I wouldn't wrestle if

it wasn't for the team."

Wrestlers spend a minimum of two hours a day, usually more, in training. However, all that training has paid off. Lynk is a multi-level champion—in NAIA Regional, two-time UW-Eau Claire, Cougar Open, second place in the NSIC, two-time National Championship qualifier, and a two-time academic All-American. Having 93 career wins, Lynk may break the UMM record, which is presently held by Kirby Frank '80, with 112 wins. Wrestling coach Doug Reese says, "Kip is a real leader and a very smart technical wrestler."

Lynk is student teaching in the Minnewaska school system.

Ken Crandall named Cougar head football coach

Ken Crandall, Cougar offensive coordinator, has been named head football coach at UMM, succeeding John Parker.

In making the announcement, Mark Fohl, director of athletics at UMM, said, "The University of Minnesota, Morris is about quality, in the liberal arts education we provide and in our athletic program. I believe that Ken Crandall's leadership can provide our players with the kind of quality experience that will benefit our program."

Crandall came to UMM in 1996 from Norwich University of Northfield, Vt., where he served for two years as the offensive coordinator and head track coach. He also has coaching experience at Maine Maritime Academy and Pittsburg State University. While at Pittsburg State, he helped to coach the team to the 1991 NCAA Division II National Championship.

Crandall graduated from Fort Hays State University where he was a four-year letter winner as a receiver.

IT'S A WRAP

Fall sports seasons end

Volleyball The volleyball Cougars ended their 1997 season with a 3-0 win at Southwest State University. Season end record is 15-14 overall, 7-5 in the conference.

Football The Cougar football 1997 season ended on Sunday with a 41-27 victory over Bemidji State in the annual Metrodome Classic. The Cougars' record for the season is 3-7.

Golf The men's golf team was not able to defend its title, and placed second in the NSIC Tournament at the Moccasin Creek Country Club in Aberdeen, S.D. Bemidji State University shot a collective score of 610 to UMM's 638. UMM was led by freshman Jerry Schommer, Dawson, who shot rounds of 78 and 77 to finish third. Schommer was named to the All-Conference team. Sophomore Scott Shosted, Paynesville, tied for seventh with two rounds of 80 and Paul Hinz was tied for ninth with rounds of 85 and 77.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Winter sports preview

Men's Basketball Head Coach Jim Severson ('77) expects the Cougar men to contend for the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference title. Last season the Cougars finished second. Severson, who is in his third year at Morris, believes that the strength of the returning seniors will lead them to the top. Severson expects seniors, Eric Sczublewski, Little Falls; Dave Berntson, Duluth; and Kevin Polite, Flint, Mich., will be All-Conference performers. Newcomers will add to the depth of the Cougars: Brady Andel, Foley; Jamie Thompson, New London-Spicer; Derrick Irions, Chicago; Jason Patterson, Chicago; Marquise Watts, Milwaukee, Wis.; Josh Dahl, Little Falls; Ryan Gerry, Aberdeen, S.D.; and Doug Benson, Orono.

Returning team contributors are Mike Tauber, Wheaton; Bob Madsen, Heron Lake; and Tory Spanier, Paynesville. Severson feels this year's team will be a stronger defensive team and will have more depth than last year. He adds, "The Cougars will be fun to

watch and will always play hard, play smart, and play together."

Women's Basketball The women's squad will be under the direction of new head coach, Heather Hoehn. Hoehn is also the Cougar volleyball and softball coach and is serving as the basketball coach on a one-year interim basis, replacing Lisa Nordeen who resigned in October. Hoehn is very positive about

Brainerd. Rounding out the roster will be four freshmen: Julie DuClos, Isle; Andrea Athmann, Mahanomen; Heidi Fredrickson, Becker; and Rebecca Ruegemar, Villard.

Hoehn remarks, "With such a small squad, everyone will play an important role in our success." The women opened their home season in December against defending national champions the University of North

Tracking the Cougars

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the upcoming season, relying on strong returners.

The Cougars will be led by the Plahn sisters, Julie and Laurie, Jasper; and Anna Townsend, Esko, all returning starters from last year's squad. These three will be complimented by four other varsity returners: Kari Kollman, Pipestone; Amy Henderson, Slayton; Jennifer Higgins, Hutchinson; and Laura Higgins, Annandale. Also returning after a one year hiatus, due to a back injury, is senior Heather Kappes,

Dakota.

Cougar Wrestling There's lots of positive energy floating around the Cougar wrestling team. They are coming off a 7-3 dual meet record and returning all their starters from a year ago including four NCAA II Academic All-Americans. The incoming freshmen boast nine recruits who have been to the state tournament 15 times, placing in the top five positions a total season."Coach

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Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

Classnotes were compiled and edited by Laura Kelnhofer '98, student intern in the Office of Alumni Relations. Every effort is made to be accurate in communicating your updates. Without intending to change the context of your submissions, we reserve the right to edit your classnote contribution due to space limitations.

CLASS OF '64

As part of a collecting expedition, **Leonard Munstermann** traveled to the remote Argentinean-Bolivian border to obtain sand flies never before collected in that region. Leonard is chair of the Medical and Veterinary Entomology section of the Entomological Society of America. He is also chair of the American Committee of Medical Entomology of the Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Leonard lives with his wife, Heidi, and daughter, Maya, in New Haven, Conn.

Bill Telkamp purchased the Farmers and Merchants Insurance Agency in Morris. His business, Telkamp Insurance Agency, provides all lines of insurance.

CLASS OF '69

Bob Heinen spent eight months in Tazsar, Hungary, as part of the NATO contingent of U.S. soldiers who are guarding the peace in the Balkans. He was the lead officer in the U.S. Corps of Engineers for all of Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia. Coordinating the efforts between the NATO forces and the area public works officials and local contractors, Bob helped to ensure and maintain the transportation network of roads and trains. Bob and his wife, Kandy, have three children, Chris, Nate and Beth. They live in Lafayette, Calif.

Bob Jordan is station manager at the ABC affiliate WFTS-TV in Tampa, Fla. He writes, "I'd love to hear from fellow UMM'ers...especially any here in Florida." Bob's e-mail address is: bobjordan@hotmail.com

James Lombard, Jr. has retired as director of university events at Central Michigan University (CMU). His wife, Marylea, has also retired from CMU's music department. They enjoy traveling and recently returned from a two week "Literary and Musical Greats" tour in Russia. James and his wife live in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Funeral services for **Eileen D. Messner** of Willmar, formerly of Hancock, were held September 27, 1997, in Hancock. In 1967, Eileen entered the University of Minnesota, Morris, receiving her degree in education and political science in 1969.

CLASS OF '70

In December 1997, **Jane Batcheller** will leave the USA to live with the "koalas, wombats, kiwis and Aussies." For one year, she will exchange teaching positions and houses with an Australian teacher from Gerlong, Victoria. Jane says that "exploring this vast and foreign continent will be an exciting and unique opportunity." Jane is a

resident of St. Paul.

Stephen and Wanda (Kopel) Rentz '72 brought their fourth and last child, Sara, to UMM this past fall. Sara joins her brother Brian, who is a sophomore. Of their other two children, **Michael** graduated from UMM in 1994, and **Sheila '98** is now in the Air Force. Stephen and Wanda are the owners of Central Concrete, Inc. in Mankato.

CLASS OF '73

The Class of '73 and friends will be celebrating, in 1998, 25 years since graduation! A reunion will be held during Homecoming on October 16-18. A group of alumni have met informally to discuss this event. If you are interested or have suggestions, contact Dennis Gimmestad at (612) 927-7763, 3638 Huntington Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55416 or e-mail at DenGim@aol.com. Additional information will be coming.

CLASS OF '74

Christine (Crumb) Meyer is a systems analyst for the St. Paul Water Utility. She lives with her husband, Tom, and their two children, Nick and Anne, in the Battle Creek area of St. Paul.

Neil Wiese, who was an accountant for Berger Chevrolet for fifteen years, is now a social studies teacher at Morris Area High School. He also teaches a psychology and a history course on the 1960's over interactive television (ITV) to other area schools.

CLASS OF '76

Rees'e Vaughn Kelly and **Jim Kelly** participated in UMM Orientation events with their son, Vaughn, this past fall. Jim is a real estate broker at Lake Forest Capital Corporation in Minnetonka and Rees'e is a homemaker. They live in Ortonville.

In addition to working on her graduate degree in special education at St. Cloud State University, **Ruth (Olson) Strand** is a learning disabilities teacher at Bellingham elementary school. She lives in Milan with her husband, Roger, and their children, Tygen, Taylor and Siri. Another child, Corey, attends South Dakota State University.

CLASS OF '77

Joan Donovan is a fourth grade teacher at Morris Elementary school. She and her husband, Gary, the director of the UMM Career Center, have lived in Morris since 1973. Joan says, "The community has done a lot for me and my family. I just hope that through teaching I can give back to this community in some way."

Mark Kelly is the principal at Rothsay Public School. He lives in Fargo, N.D., with his wife, Jane, and their two children.

CLASS OF '79

Connie (Hegna) Gunderson was pro-

moted to director of the Processing Center at Minnesota Teachers Retirement, where she has worked for twelve and a half years. She says, "We are completing the first year of re-engineering to gear up for the baby boomers' retirements." Connie lives in St. Paul.

David Trisko moved his family to McKinney, Texas, after living in California for 17 years. "The children, Jessica, Melissa and Kevin are adjusting very well. The 100-degree constant temperature in July and August were a real adjustment and they tell us it's been a cool summer." David is sales vice president for data networks at Nortel in Richardson, Texas.

CLASS OF '80

Rodman Abbott married Cynthia Edmiston in July. Rod is a physicist at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, founder of ABC Internet Consultants, and a Lt. Commander in the Naval Reserve. Rodman and Cynthia live in Tracy, Calif.

CLASS OF '81

Tim Anderson is a K-8 grade counselor at Maple River School where he is also the boys' head basketball coach. His wife, Lois, teaches biology at Mankato State University. Their son, Seth, is a second-grader, and their daughter, Sara, is in kindergarten. The Anderson family lives in Minnesota Lake.

CLASS OF '82

Kathy (Walker) Jacobs and her husband welcomed their second child, Bradley, born on June 20. Bradley joins three-year-old sister Kaylee. The Jacobs family resides in Villard.

Tom Nelson writes, "I've been blessed with the chance to live at the north gate to Yellowstone Park and have a job that is rewarding! Morris really gave me a lot in the sciences that I've continued to use in my job as a teacher. I'm enjoying life!" Tom is an elementary educator at Gardiner Public School in Gardiner, Mont.

CLASS OF '83

After seven years of teaching and coaching at Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton, Windom and Comfrey schools, **Craig DeFrance** is now the sports editor of the *Pipestone County Star* in Pipestone.

Randy Kramer and his wife, Wendy, announce the birth of their twin sons, Jacob Christopher and Brady Joseph, on September 11. They live in Austin.

CLASS OF '84

Alan Zimmel married Jane Butler on August 17, 1996. Their first child, Andrew Robert, was born on August 7, 1997. Alan is pursuing a master's degree in environmental engineering at Georgia Washington University. The Zimmels live in Alexandria, Va.

CLASS OF '85

Nancy Barsness is a zoning adminis-

trator for New Prairie Township in Pope County. She also publishes a newsletter, *Township Tips*, and consults for 20 townships across Minnesota. She and her husband, Ronald, own a farm near Cyrus.

Jaclyn (Anderson) and Todd Walter '86 write, "We are finally home! After 12 years of moving around, we built a new house right back where we started -- in Pine Island." Todd works at the Mayo Clinic as a certified registered nursing assistant, and Jaclyn substitute teaches part-time and takes care of their "two animals -- our sons, William and Bradley."

CLASS OF '86

Jay Johnson is a member of the St. Cloud River Runners. At the prestigious 26-mile Grandma's Marathon, he was the St. Cloud area's top finisher, completing the course in 2 hours, 40 minutes, 48 seconds.

CLASS OF '87

Todd and Julie (Danielson) Koosman '89 announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Lynn, who was born September 15. Todd is a senior underwriter for Rain and Hail, LLC in Plymouth. Julie is a personal banker at Security Bank in Chaska. The Koosman family lives in Chaska.

Jon and Susan (Harris) Linser '95 were married August 9. Susan writes, "On our honeymoon in northern Minnesota, we ran into my long lost roommate from sophomore year, **Becky (Ganion) Rietveld '95**. She and her husband, Pete, were also married on August 9 -- and like us, just happened to be on their way to Grand Marais...What a small world!" Jon and Susan live near Appleton, Wis. Jon is an electrical engineer for Central Products Co. and Susan works in the sales department at Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley. They are "enjoying Wisconsin and remain avid Vikings fans, although it is difficult in 'Packer Land'!"

CLASS OF '89

Anita (Gratz) Bastian is "excited to be job-sharing a fifth grade teaching position this year, planned in part due to the birth of our second child, Adam Douglas." She and her husband, Doug, also have a daughter, Dayna. The Bastian family resides in Sun Prairie, Wis.

Lisa (Nordstrom) Gjersvik is general manager of the Southeast Regional Office of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute in Waseca, where she has worked since shortly after graduation. She and her husband, Neal, celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary and have three children: Harry, Lily and Noah.

CLASS OF '91

Austin Randall was born to **Randy and Denise Garoutte-Ver Steeg '92** on July 10. Randy delivers for Federal Express. Denise received a master's degree in Special Education in May and continues to teach at Starbuck Elementary School.

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Alan and Kara Miller Jensen announce the birth of their first child, Alexander Paul, on September 5. Alan is working for Shared Resource Management in Arden Hills. The Jensen family lives in White Bear Lake.

Brian Solvie is co-owner of The Old No. 1, a bar and grill in Morris. He lives in Hancock.

CLASS OF '92

Lisa Datta lives in Phoenix, Ariz. She works as a commodity specialist for Avnet, Inc.

Michele (Nicholls) Deschenes and her husband, Tony, are mechanical engineers at United Defense in Fridley. They live in Big Lake.

Stacey Dickinson writes, "I recently became engaged to Doug Swanson. We are planning a May 1998 wedding and will live in Vadnais Heights." Stacey now lives in Plymouth.

Timothy "T.J." Goulet lives in Grand Island, Neb., where he started a business in 1995. He writes, "Life is good, but nobody ever comes to Nebraska."

Christine (LaBarre) Staebler and her husband, Mark, are the proud parents of a baby boy. Eric Anthony was born September 25. They live near Morris.

Shelly (Nester) Willette and her husband, Mark, sold their house in Mound and are building their new home on four acres of woods in Watertown. They are expecting a baby in May 1998.

CLASS OF '93

Diane (Lotzer) Broksieck announces the birth of Tate Michael on June 11. Diane teaches first grade at Hillcrest Elementary in Brookings, S.D. The Broksieck family will be moving into their new home in December 1997.

Robert Clausen is the starting center for the St. Paul Sting, a new semi-professional football team in the Mid-America Football League. The St. Paul Sting went to the playoffs in November 1997.

Missy (Bos) Gruys is working on her doctorate in human resources and industrial relations at UM, Twin Cities. She and her husband, Scott, live in Burnsville. Melissa says, "We wish everyone the very best! We'd love to hear from UMM friends." They can be contacted via e-mail: mgruys@csom.umn.edu.

Robin Lee is an executive assistant at Anderson Consulting in Chicago, Ill.

Kerry Ligtenberg, who pitched for the UMM Cougar baseball teams in 1990 and 1991, is now a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves. Kerry is the first former Cougar baseball player to join the major leagues. After two years at UMM, he pitched for the Gophers at the U of M-Twin Cities, then for the Minneapolis Loons of the Prairie League, who traded him to the Atlanta Braves for a supply of bats and baseballs. Kerry holds the UMM record for strikeouts in

a season with 57, and the career win percentage record with 71%.

Sharlene (Hanson) Orcutt and her husband, Paul, became proud parents on April 27 when their daughter, Briana Jo, was born. The Orcutts live in Parker, S.D. Sharlene teaches second grade in Marion, and Paul works for Automated Systems in Sioux Falls.

Chris Roelfsema-Hummel is the director of the Pipestone County Museum in Pipestone. He is also working on his master's degree in Central European History from the University of Wisconsin. Chris and his wife, Leah, are expecting their first child.

Michael Suman moved to Vail, Colo., where he is "enjoying mountain life." He is working on residences with Morter Architects. He writes, "See you on the slopes."

CLASS OF '94

Jenny Anderson and **Brandon Schaust** are "happy to announce we will be married July 18, 1998." Jenny is a life science teacher in Hammond, Wis. Brandon is a research analyst for Dyna Mark in St. Paul.

Jennifer (Jacobitz) and Donald Boothroyd '93 announce the birth of their daughter, Cassandra May, on April 25. Don was promoted to supervisor of the Depthfilter Department at Osmonics, Inc. in Minnetonka. Jennifer teaches second grade at Classical Academy, a secular private school in St. Louis Park. The Boothroyd family lives in Bloomington.

David "D.C." and Tina (Lieser) Christians '95 were married September 6. David is an assistant manager at American General Finance, and Tina works at Child Care Choices, Inc. They live in St. Cloud.

Sheri (Fick) and Steven Helland were married June 21. Sheri is a software engineer for Insight Software in Roseville, and Steven is a portfolio administrator for Milestone Growth Fund in Minneapolis. They live in Minneapolis.

Michael and Pamela (Hanson) Hoekstra '96 live in Annandale. Mike is a short-term disabilities benefits coordinator for Sedgewick in Golden Valley. Pam is a proof reader for Medical Arts Press in Brooklyn Park.

Keely (Palmer) and Curt Rees '95 say, "Greetings from the Land of Enchantment (New Mexico), where we have been living since the beginning of August... We are looking forward to the so-called winters when the locals tell us to expect a total of eight inches of snow and temperatures down to a bone-chilling 30 degrees. We will certainly be thinking of all of you up North in the middle of January!! If you are ever in the Albuquerque area, be sure to look us up. Drop us a line at: ksrees@unm.edu." Curt teaches third and fourth grade at a private school, and Keely is working on her doctorate in Health Education/Promotion at the University of New Mexico.

Kim (Koskiniemi) Sandry asks her friends to write or e-mail at 10035-40th St. NE, Clara City, MN 56222; e-mail: sandryk@maccray.k12.mn.us. Kim teaches and coaches at MACCRAY Schools. She and her husband, Tim, are expecting their second child in April.

Kami (Poland) and Jason Thoen are finishing their Ph.D.'s in chemistry at Purdue University and are "starting the grueling process of interviewing for jobs!" They currently live in West Lafayette, Ind., but hope to end up closer to Minnesota.

CLASS OF '95

At Slayton Elementary, **Jill Kluis** teaches second grade in a classroom where she attended second grade. Before this position, she was the director of a daycare in Morris.

Gina (Hammer) LeBrun married Joseph LeBrun in September. They live in Little Falls.

Becky (Ganion) Rietveld is enjoying her second year as the choral instructor at Plainview High School. Last summer, she married Pete Rietveld, who is also a teacher at Plainview. They have a home in Rochester and are "loving married life!!"

Chad Snow lives in Prescott, Ariz. He says, "Alien abductions and home lobotomy kits have rendered me a useless member of society."

Amy (Szymczak) and Scott Van Eps were married September 13. Scott is employed with the Fourth Shift Corporation in Bloomington as a software engineer. Amy is a consumer loan officer with FirstStar Bank of Bloomington.

This past March, **Michelle West** was promoted to legislative aide to Senator Paul Wellstone, specializing in Education and Native American Affairs. She

lives in Washington, D.C. Michelle plans to pursue a master's degree in public policy and public administration.

Cassandra White lives in Crownpoint, N.M. on the Navajo reservation. She received her doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Iowa in May, and has been working for the Indian Health Service since June.

CLASS OF '96

Brendan Bogart married Michelle Hinkemeyer on June 28. Michelle is employed at Cokato Elementary, and Brendan works for Watertown-Mayer Middle School in Watertown.

Shannon (Hamre) Hedstrom and her husband, Jeff, celebrated their first anniversary in August and are now happily living in Bemidji.

Jon Reinders and **Lina Tucker '94** have moved into a new apartment in Eagan. Jon is a research technician for Novartis Seeds and Lina is the assistant program manager for the Minneapolis Way to Grow. Lina started her master's program this fall, and Jon is planning to begin his in winter of 1998.

CLASS OF '97

Karin Bolwahnn is living in Taiwan, where she is teaching English, studying Chinese, and exploring the country.

Darcy Carlson is an assistant manager at Ruttles in Mankato, the city in which she now lives.

Brigid Doherty is studying applied economics at U of M, St. Paul. She says, "I like it a lot so far! I do miss Morris, though!"

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Catching Up

To submit an item for *Catching Up*, just fill out this form and send it to: Cynthia Olson, Alumni Relations, UMM, Behmler Hall, Morris, MN 56267 or e-mail: alumni@caa.mrs.umn.edu.

Let us hear from you! Next Catching Up deadline is March 15.

Name(s) _____

Class(es) of _____ Did you graduate? Yes _____ No _____

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Leaving a legacy



TWELVE OF 32 FRESHMAN LEGACY STUDENTS UMM students whose parents or grandparents have also attended UMM gathered with their parents for this photo during new student Orientation activities in September.

Left to right, Row 1: Nancy (Greiner) Hansen '69, Christy Hansen, Alexandria; Gina Nordstrom, Ken Nordstrom '71, Eagan; Julie Retrum, Cheryl (Simpson) Retrum '66, Willmar; Wanda (Kopel) Rentz '72, Sara Rentz, Steve Rentz '70, North Mankato;

Row 2: Jessica Dietz, Anne Dietz '84, Graceville; Dee Johnson, Megan Schmidt, Jim Schmidt '74, Eden Valley; Matthew Hoxtell Streed, LuAnn Hoxtell Streed '76, Brian Streed '77, Wheaton; Rees'e Vaughn Kelly, Vaughn Kelly, Jim Kelly '76, Ortonville;

Row 3: Barry Johnson '88, Molly Johnson, Underwood; Ryan Donovan, Joan Donovan '77, Morris; Carole (Hedine) Nelson '66, Roger Nelson, Jeff Nelson, Forest Lake; Andrew Peterson, Pam Peterson '97, Appleton.

Diversity Jam Showcases Minority Art

The artistic talent of UMM's minority students and others provided the backdrop for Diversity Jam VIII, held November 19 in Oyate Hall.

The Minority Student Art Show, featuring student and professional art in a variety of media, became a part of the continuing UMM effort toward diversity and finding common ground. Quilts, sculptures, paintings, sketches, jewelry, and masks were among the exhibits.

Historically, the Minority Student Art Show has been an event of its own. Last spring, however, United Latinos president Gerardo Vazquez suggested the idea of an art show focusing on the work of minority artists and students in particular. According to the student newspaper, *The University Register*, due to the United Latinos wish to sponsor more campus activities and the wish of all minority student groups to work together on an event, the idea

became a reality. Vazquez and Dawn King from the Circle of Nations Indian Association worked jointly on the project, along with Carol McCannon of the Student Activities staff. Working carefully to avoid one event overshadowing the other, the results, said McCannon, "were stunning. It is exactly what we are all about here...Art is one of the best ways to celebrate diversity."

Along with the art, soft music, moca java with real whipped cream and chocolate chips was served, and burning sage provided an earthy and relaxing aroma.

Diversity Jams are held twice each academic quarter to provide opportunities and encourage the UMM campus community to "Challenge (themselves), find common ground, and make a difference."



MINORITY STUDENT ART SHOW United Latinos president Gerardo Vazquez, who conceived the art show concept, stands by one of the many art pieces that were displayed during the Minority Student Art Show. Some of the art was provided by professional artist Armando Gutierrez. The event, held in conjunction with Diversity Jam VIII in Oyate Hall, also featured quilts, paintings, sketches, jewelry and masks. Another photo appears on page 16. (Jessica Gunther photo)

MUSIC DISCIPLINE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SPRING QUARTER

March 30	7:30 p.m.	Concert Choir Concert	Recital Hall
April 2-4	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Festival Concerts	Edson Aud
April 21	7:30 p.m.	Mixed Student Recital	Recital Hall
April 24	8:00 p.m.	Jazz Dance	Oyate Hall
May 5	7:30 p.m.	Variety Show	Oyate Hall
May 15	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Ensembles Concert	Recital Hall
May 17	3:00 p.m.	Concert Band Concert	Recital Hall
May 19	1:00 p.m.	Outdoor Festival	HFA Veranda
May 26	7:30 p.m.	Mixed Student Recital	Recital Hall
May 28	7:30 p.m.	University Chorus Concert	Recital Hall
May 31	7:30 p.m.	Orchestral Society Concert	Recital Hall
June 3	7:30 p.m.	Opera Workshop Performance	Recital Hall
June 4	7:30 p.m.	Concert Choir Concert	Recital Hall
June 12	1:00 p.m.	Honors Recital	Recital Hall

Maya Angelou headlines remaining convocation offerings

BRIANA SAMPSON '00, Chicago, Ill.

Hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary literature and as a remarkable Renaissance woman, Maya Angelou will headline the spring quarter UMM Lecture Series, sponsored by the Campus Activities Council Convocations Committee.

The series theme, "Seeking to Challenge Conventional Thought," and a quote from Richard Greene, "If you really, truly in your heart want change, you have to make everybody your ally," both summarize the focus of this year's presentations. CAC co-chairs, Danaj Trudell and Christian Borden, St. Paul, UMM students who helped to select the speakers, believe each speaker will educate audiences to look at the world in a different way.

Winter quarter speakers will be Camille Cooper and Elaine Brown. Cooper is a motivational speaker who has been seen in film and on television for the past 10 years in series such as "General Hospital" and "Knots Landing." She will discuss "What Price, Beauty?," at 7:30 p.m. on January 26, taking a look at a media industry obsessed with thinness and beauty.

Brown is an author and lecturer. Her topic, "Resolving Problems of Racism, Gender Oppression and Class Disparity in America," is set for February 10 at 7:30 p.m.

"The Color of Fear," a workshop based on the award-winning film of the same name, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. April 27. Lee Mun Wah, director and producer of the film, will



MAYA ANGELOU

coordinate the workshop. Wah is a community director of Stir Fry Seminars and Consulting that offers innovative training on cultural facilitation of racial issues.

The Convocation Series concludes with the well-known civil activist, poet, author, and educator Maya Angelou who has for many years captivated her audiences lyrically with her fire and perception. She will speak at 7 p.m. on May 7 in the UMM P. E. Center gymnasium. Cost is \$10, general admission, \$4 for students with UMM I.D. and \$6 for senior citizens and children under 12.

This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. In addition, this activity is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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from other agencies, private donations and grants. There will be no building debt and operational funds will come from membership fees.

"There have been several hundred people and literally thousands of volunteer hours accumulated to put this project together," added Linda Westgate, RFC campaign director. "I feel what you see with the positive vote for the Regional Fitness Center, is not so much a vote for a physical building as it is a vote of vision. People are putting aside personal prejudices in the name of compromise and cooperation. They are realizing the impact of an entire community working together. I believe we are seeing a new era in this region. One where economic growth, community health, and combining resources is the focus for a growing partnership. I envision Morris serving as an example of how public, state, city, and local groups can obtain remarkable re-

sults by working together."

Echoing Westgate's comments, Martin added: "This will have a significant impact for the residents of our area and, in particular, the students in our schools. We are thrilled at the possibilities that lie ahead, and for this opportunity to collaborate with the University of Minnesota, Morris, area health agencies, and community education."

Now that public support for the RFC is evident, what is the next step? "The Regional Fitness Center is a portion of the University of Minnesota, Morris campus capital request to the Minnesota Legislature," said Rasmussen. "UMM will continue to build on the regional support, and we will work together to ask for legislative support in the '98 session for the Morris Science Project and the Regional Fitness Center."

Faculty/Staff/Students

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Focus (spring 1997). During the summer, Joo served as a discussant in a panel on "Conflict and Order: Third World Perspective," at the 17th World Congress of International Political Science Association, August 17-21, in Seoul.

An article, titled "Work Values: An Integrative Framework and Illustrative Application to Organizational Socialization," by **Jennifer J. Dose**, assistant professor of management, appeared in the September issue of the *Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology*.

Ted Underwood's (professor of history) book, *Primitivism, Radicalism, and the Lamb's War*, has been published by Oxford University Press, New York. It is a study of the relationships of two 17th century English religious groups, Baptists and Quakers, to each other and to the Puritan/Nonconformist tradition. Underwood also has a contract with Oxford Press to edit a volume of early writings of another 17th century radical group, the Muggletonians.

Chancellor **Dave Johnson**, has announced the appointment of the administration of the Commission on Women for 1997-98. **Sarah Haugen**, office coordinator and program adviser in Student Activities, has been appointed to serve as lead coordinator of the Commission for fall quarter. **Mimi Frenier**, professor of history, will serve for the winter and spring quarters.

Vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean **Samuel Schuman** presented a paper, titled "Holding Out Hope: Futures of American Colleges and Universities" at the meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council in Atlanta, Ga., in October.

Director of Grants Development **Tom Mahoney** has been named as UMM's representative to the all-University Academic Staff Advisory Committee, replacing **Karla Klinger**.

Judy Henrichs started on October 27 as part-time food service worker. Also starting October 27, the position of full-time senior food service worker was filled by **Debbie Campbell**.

The position of automotive mechanic was filled by **Wendell Erdman** effective October 27.

Associate professor of geology **James**

Cotter is a member of the Incentives for Managed Growth (IMG) Oversight Subcommittee, jointly established by the University of Minnesota Senate Committees on Finance and Planning (SCFP) and Educational Policy (SCEP). The charge of this subcommittee is to develop recommendations for the Senate and the administration regarding modifications to IMG or changes in policy.

Gail Hockert and **Sara Bell**, Student Counseling, co-presented a workshop on "The Undecided Major Series" at the annual meeting of the Minnesota College Personnel Association (MCPA) on November 15 in St. Paul. MCPA is a state chapter of the American College Personnel Association, a national association for student affairs professionals.

Susan Bernardin, assistant professor of English, was elected to the executive committee of the Western Literature Association. Her article, "Lessons of a Sentimental Education: Zitkala-Sa's Autobiographical Narratives," appeared in the November issue of *Western American Literature*.

Bettina Blake, associate to the director for fund development, presented a talk at the Morris Students' Club on "Full Citizenship for American Women In American Higher Education." She discussed the progress of women as tenured professors, as senior administrators, and as shapers of college and university curriculum since the achievement of women's suffrage in 1920. The Morris Students' Club, 102 years old and a member of the national Federation of American Women's Clubs, is one of the oldest organizations in Morris.

Professor of studio art and Evansville, Ind., native, **John Stuart Ingle**, participated in a symposium on "Contemporary Still-Life Painting: Artist/Dealer/Collector" at the Evansville Museum of Arts and Science. The museum was inspired by their 1993 purchase of Ingle's painting, "Still Life with Watermelon and Palm," to begin an aggressive acquisition program to build an outstanding collection of contemporary American still life.

Chancellor **Dave Johnson** was selected as one of two external reviewers who

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UMM Reaches Out

When the Wood and Strings Puppet Theatre Company came to town in November as part of the 1997-98 UMM Performing Arts Series, everybody got into the act. The company held two residencies, one on puppet construction and another on the topic of puppets in the curriculum. In each case, participants didn't go home empty-handed. Each was carrying a hand-made puppet that they had constructed. Take a look.



"NOW, LET'S THINK ABOUT WHERE THE NOSE GOES," coaches Nic McPhee, assistant professor of computer science, to his son, Thomas, who obliged by showing his father where his own nose is. Nic and Thomas were among about 50 area children and adults who made their own puppets during a puppet construction residency held by Wood and Strings Puppet Theatre. Nine area teachers attended the puppet-in-the-curriculum residency later the same day. (Judy Riley photo)

TO: All UMM Alumni
FROM: Ed Caillier '75, Fridley
President, UMM Alumni Association Board

I am excited about the many ways that alumni are making a difference at UMM. During this past year over 1,525 alumni contributed more than \$85,000 to the Alumni Annual Fund, scholarships and other designated areas. This level of giving, which continues to increase, tells me that alumni feel strongly about their academic and "life" experiences at UMM. Thank you for giving back.

It's great to see Alumni Fund gifts used to help build connections and involvement among alumni, as well as help support unmet campus and student needs. Here are some of the key ways your contributions make a difference:

- **Printing and mailing of Profile and class letters (the latter of which are produced by 19 dedicated class agent volunteers).**
- **Alumni social events at Homecoming, in the Twin Cities, and other locations (let us know if you'd like help with an event for alumni in your area).**
- **Funding the new Alumni Association Teaching Award.**
- **Funding for the Morris Science Project lobbying effort.**
- **Gifts to the campus such as commissioned art work and recordings for the music library.**
- **Scholarships for students and gifts to student groups for travel to conferences.**

This year, your Alumni Association Board is working to strengthen the ways we serve students, faculty and alumni:

- **We're considering an alumni golf event that may be played on different courses throughout Minnesota on the same date.**
- **Our mission, vision and bylaws are being reviewed to ensure they reflect our goals, activities and operations.**
- **Our guidelines for making gifts from the Annual Fund to campus programs are being re-evaluated, to ensure we are channeling limited resources appropriately.**

If you have any ideas, comments or concerns about how the Alumni Association can better serve you or UMM, please contact me, your class agent or any board member through the Alumni Office at (320) 589-6066.

I hope to see you at the Midwinter Alumni Event February 19 at Tejas in Edina. Bring a fellow alum for an evening of reminiscing, networking and general merriment. Past events have attracted 40-50 alumni, and we're planning for even more this year.

Once again, I would like to thank all alumni who are contributing time, talent and financial support to make a difference at UMM. I can assure you that your gifts are put to good use and are greatly appreciated.



AT POLI SCI CONVENTION Students of Paula O'Loughlin, assistant professor of political science, gather at the American Political Science Association Convention in Washington, D.C. L-r: Nigel Linssen '98, Tinisha Davis '98, Eric Bass '98, and O'Loughlin. Linssen and Bass were interns for lobbyists in Washington, D.C. Davis and O'Loughlin co-authored papers that were presented at the convention.

UMM, Morris Area High School on the “right track”

JUDY RILEY University Relations

The last lift of blacktop has been rolled. The polyurethane surface is in place. This spring, when the starting gun sounds on the first home track meet, the new running track located at the University of Minnesota, Morris will again carry the names of the UMM Cougars and the Morris Area High School Tigers. With good reason. Once again, due to collaborative efforts and combined funding between both UMM and Morris Area High School, students and track programs at both schools will benefit.

“The new running track will allow both teams to host track competition, at least by next spring, and perhaps earlier,” said UMM head track coach Ken Crandall. Prior to the construction of the new track, neither school could host a track meet, due to poor track conditions. In addition, said Crandall, college track competition requires that a track facility is equipped for a steeplechase event, and the track on the UMM campus, which dates back to 1986, was previously not equipped for that event.

Plans for the new track began nearly five years ago, when the old track began to deteriorate. UMM and MAHS have contributed fifty-fifty funding on the project, at a total cost of about \$150,000. The addition of the steeple chase was made possible by the private donations of Morris area residents. The UMM physical plant department, headed by Lowell Rasmussen, worked on the planning and logistics of the track’s construction.

Crandall is pleased that UMM is working once again with MAHS to improve track competition for both schools. “I think it’s always a good thing when we can work together,” said Crandall. “UMM and Morris Area have always had a track together; there’s never been a scheduling problem. It’s a good partnership.”

Both MAHS athletic director Mary Holmberg and Rasmussen echoed Crandall’s remarks. “It was a great effort of cooperation on a track that can be used by both schools,” said Holmberg. “Anytime we can work together and take pride in a project such as this, it’s a good thing. Without this joint cooperation, it may not have happened.”

“It’s another example of a willingness on all parts to work together,” added Rasmussen.

In addition to track competition, the new running track will benefit area residents who prefer to run noncompetitively outside.



WRESTLERS WASH WINDOWS Cougar wrestlers, Randy Rager, center of photo, and Jeremy Werner, far right, stop for a breather with Grandview Apartment residents, Norma and Joe Finnegan. Members of the UMM wrestling squad, received enthusiastically by Grandview residents, volunteer annually to wash the residents’ windows. This year, they also assisted a resident in moving into the building, which is assisted living housing. The event is a community service project, in cooperation with UMM Campus Compact coordinator, Carol McCannon.

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Doug Reese expresses his confidence in the Cougars, “We feel we are ready to make a strong run for the NSIC title this season. We have good depth in the lineup with a lot of quality kids, but most of all they know how to win and they know how to work. I expect a great season.”

The team consists of the following returners: Patrick Bergin, Lake City; Jesse Struve, Waterville; Randy Rager, Pequot Lakes; Kip Lynk, Eden Prairie; Jeff Himelspanch, Littleton, Colo.; Eugene Barbu, Westland, Mich.; Jeremy Werner, Princeton; B.J. Friedrichs, Sauk Centre; LaDaryl Fenney, Coon Rapids; and Reshard Saulter, Boyton Beach, Fla. Incoming freshmen include Eric Bramos, Mason, Mich.; Jesse Cisneros, Lake Station, Ind.; Gavin Manley, Dowagiac, Mich.; Matt Sloneker, Watertown; Wesley Woodrome, Miami Fla.; Sam Gunlogson, Clarkfield; Paul White, Miami, Fla.; Shaun Gerard, Albany; Tim Knott, Morrison, Colo.

Track and Field Head Coach Ken Crandall is excited about the upcoming Cougar track and field season. “We are very excited about the new track -- the potential that it will give us in recruiting and the advantage that it will give our athletes on a day-to-day basis.” Says Crandall, “We return 13 members from last year’s team. This could be the largest women’s team in UMM history with 23 athletes, once the season be-

gins.”

The women’s track and field team consists of Julie Cousins, Norwood Young America; Janine Diedrich, Warren; Tricia Ebnet, Holdingford; Tina George, Euclid, Ohio; Andrea Hannan, Coon Rapids; Jennifer Higgins, Hutchinson; Lisa Holland, Chisholm; Cassie Inman, Rochelle; Kari Jacobson, Chaska; Marlena James, Chicago; Kristi Jensen, Langford, S.D.; Liz Kane, Sartell; Sarah Kjolhaug, Cokato; Aimie Langenfeld, Eden Prairie; Jeanette Nienaber, St. Cloud; Kandee Normandin, Grand Forks; Patti Keillor, St. Louis Park; Leah Regenold, Minnetonka; Amy Skeate, St. Cloud; Lindsey Witt, New York Mills; and Sarah Witt, Henning.

Men’s track and field team members are Sean Anderson, Fergus Falls; Billy Beckwith, Chicago; Mike Carlson, Brainerd; Jason Douvier, Glenwood; Jon Ebnet, Holdingford; Bryan Herrmann, Belle Plaine; Seth Kersten, New Ulm; Germaine McFarlane, Hollywood, Fla.; Matt Morrow, Duluth; Troy Petersen, Worthington; Jason Radke and Mike Radke, both of Winthrop; Terrance Robinson, Lake Worth; Reshard Saulter, Lake Worth, Fla.; John Svingen, Fergus Falls; Jay Sikes, Elk River; Matt Thompson, Alexandria; Tim Vos, Albany; Paul White, Miami, Fla.; Laronne Wilkins, Cleveland, Ohio; and Andrew Wilson, Eden Prairie.



COUGAR HALL OF FAME Four UMM alumni athletes were inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame at a ceremony conducted in October during the Homecoming weekend. From left to right are Dennis Clausen, ‘65; Laurie Jacklitch ‘80; JoAnn Thompson ‘80; and Basil Meyer, ‘89.

NEW LOWER OUT-OF-STATE TUITION

The University of Minnesota Board of Regents have given their approval for UMM to reduce annual out-of-state tuition in non reciprocity states from \$12,645 to \$9,000 beginning in the fall of 1998.

The new significantly lower out-of-state tuition will make it more affordable for students, including the sons and daughters of UMM alumni from around the country, to attend UMM.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, toll-free, at 1-800-992-8863.

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Homecoming '97

You are so nice to come home to...

Alumni Career Fair



LOOK WHAT UMM ALUMNI HAVE DONE WITH THEIR LIVES. THERE REALLY IS LIFE AFTER UMM! Alumna Melissa (Bos) Bruys '94 (right) talks with a current student at the Alumni Career Fair.

Tailgating tradition



PLENTY OF FOOD, BALLOONS AND MUSIC. Current and past students, faculty and staff gather on the mall in front of the Student Center for pre-game tailgating.

Alumni Association Board of Directors



A GATHERING OF THE BOARD Front, l-r: Cynthia (Christiansen) Hiedeman '87, Canby (secretary); Clare (Dingley) Strand '76, Morris; Blaine Hill '87, Breckenridge; Ed Caillier '73, Fridley (president). Back, l-r: Lisa Gulbranson '92, St. Louis Park; Curt Loschy '69, St. Paul (treasurer); Marty Wolf '85, Mankato; and Greg Lemmons '71, St. Paul (vice president). Not pictured: Virginia Boever '77, Alexandria; Harry Carter '69, Rochester; Pakou Ly '94, Minneapolis; and Jon Meyer '92, Plymouth.

Wanna buy a consonant?



HOW DO YOU SPELL COUGAR VICTORY? Five warm-blooded Cougar fans and their coach were one consonant short of a full Cougar, but their enthusiasm was well-spent. Standing, l-r, Derek Ellingson, Joe Cooley, Karl Reinertson, Ben Watty-Diesel, Nick Kropf, and Ryan Kanninen. Kneeling in front, Jon Swanson.

MSP Board Members



THE MINORITY STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD MEMBERS MET WITH MSP STUDENTS DURING HOMECOMING. L-r, Mario Anchondo '96, Tonya Freeman '90, and Veronica Burt Camara '89.

Everybody loves a parade!



FLOATS, HOMECOMING ROYALTY, SADDLE CLUB HORSES, COUGAR FANS...One of several floats cheering the Cougars on to a victory over the Bemidji Beavers.



HOMECOMING ROYALTY WERE DRIVEN IN THE PARADE ROUTE AROUND THE CAMPUS MALL. Above, king and queen, Jeff Knutson, Hopkins, and Sue Larson, Redwood Falls. Right, prince and princess, Loren Vaughn, and Keia Johnson, both of Chicago.

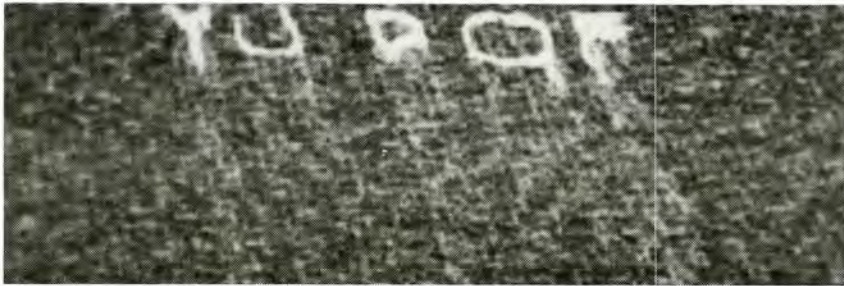
Homecoming Royalty



Cougars WIN!!!



THE SCOREBOARD READ 45-28 IN FAVOR OF THE COUGARS WHEN THE FINAL GUN SOUNDED. The fans crowded the stands to watch the Cougars post their second season victory, and their first Homecoming win in four years, this time over the Bemidji State University Beavers.



UMM rolled out the maroon and gold The Day the President Came to Town

When University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof visited UMM and the Morris community on October 6, the west central town-gown community gave him a rousing welcome.



Yudof arrived in Morris by plane. "I got a lot of prayer in while we were dodging storm clouds," he told Chancellor David Johnson who met him at the Morris airport. (Jessica Gunther photo)



Yudof talks to Shirley Kleespies, Business Services (left), and Sandra Olson-Loy, director of Student Activities, during a UMM/Morris community welcome in Oyate Hall. (Jessica Gunther photo)



Two of the younger generation, perhaps future UMM students, were part of a group of Morris elementary school children who came to meet the president. (Jessica Gunther photo)



Yudof chats with UMM faculty member Jennifred Nellis, professor of studio art, and 1996 recipient of the Horace T. Morris-Minnesota Alumni Association Award. (Jessica Gunther photo)



President Yudof talks to *University Register* news editor Chas Rice (back to camera) at an airport news conference. Also on hand were Jessica Gunther, student photographer and Judy Riley, director, both of University Relations; Jason Lina '97, staff writer for the *Morris Tribune*; and Bill Eckerson, on-air personality for Morris radio station KKOK. (Jessica Gunther photo)



Longtime Morris merchants, Willie and Paul Martin (with hat and in center of photo, respectively), of Willie's Super Valu, were among those who attended the combined town-gown celebration. Professor of psychology, Eric Klinger, left, and Sandy Olson-Loy, director of Student Activities, joined the conversation. (Judy Riley photo)



Yudof, who told reporters that he sees UMM as the "great jewel" of the University system, talks to UMM students. (Jessica Gunther photo)



President Yudof speaks at an Open Forum in the Science Auditorium to cap the day. (Jessica Gunther photo)

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evaluated Western College of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, November 15-18. Four internal reviewers assisted with the evaluation.

Nicky Didicher, assistant professor of English, published an article, titled "The Children in the Story: Metafiction in *Mary Poppins in the Park*," in the fall issue of *Children's Literature in Education*.

UMM alumni, **M.E. Whitehill**, '95, **Amy M. Engstrom**, '96, and **Michael J. Goblirsch**, '96, co-authored with **Ernest D. Kemble**, professor emeritus (psychology), "Effects of Non-Contact Exposure to Rodents on Defensive Behaviors in Mice" for the publication, *Behavioural Processes* 41 (1997) 11-17.

Tom Bengston, '79, UMM security guard, is featured as "Good Deed of the Month" winner in the October/November 1997 issue of *Good News Indeed*. Bengston is cited for his volunteer activities with the residents of the Villa of St. Francis in Morris.

Tom McRoberts, director, Center for International Programs; **Thom Dahle**, former director, International Study and Travel Center; **Lara Bates**, current director, International Study and Travel Center; and **Sharon Van Eps**, program adviser, Center for International Programs, gave a presentation titled, "The Center for International Programs and International Study and Travel Center: A Model of Cooperation in Stretching Limited Resources" at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference in Minneapolis on October 30.

Jodi Holleman, principal secretary in the athletic office, has been named 1997 Coach of the Year in the Pheasant Conference in volleyball. Jodi is the head volleyball and women's basketball coach in Hancock.

Senior **Rachel Muscoplat** has been selected for an internship with Ted Koppel on "Nightline" during January and February 1998. She will do investigative reporting; go on assignment to the White House, senate, etc., with staff reporters; and write for on-air talent like Koppel. Following her internship, which was facilitated by The Career Center, Rachel will be student teaching in New Zealand.

Sophomore **Sarah Jo Wojciewski** has earned a nomination for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship offered by the American College Theatre Festival. She will travel to the Festival Conference in January 1998 to audition for the scholarship. Her performance as Volumnia in the fall production of "Coriolanus" earned her the nomination by both director **Beth Cherne**, and ACTF adjudicator **Gregg Henry** of Iowa State University.

Professor **Beth Cherne**, theatre arts, has been elected representative-elect for the Theatre and Social Change Focus group of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education. The ATHE is the primary professional organization

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for the theater professors in post-secondary education in the nation. The term of service is three years, with one year as rep-elect and two as TASC representative. In this position, Dr. Cherne will help govern the ATHE as a whole.

At the recent National Communication Association meeting in Chicago, **Barbara Burke** (speech) presented a competitively selected paper, titled "A Shifting Nature of Understanding: New York Times Coverage of Environmentalism During the Early 1990s"; a competitively selected panel presentation "Establishing Culture: Television as a Cultural Form" (with co-author **Julie Patterson-Pratt** of theater); performed in a Reader's Theater production, titled "The Steppenwolf Theater Company: A Celebration in Performance," and chaired a panel, titled "The Geography of Culture." Barbara was also elected to be (co-) vice-chair for the American Studies division of the National Communication Association.

Julie Rae Patterson Pratt, assistant professor of theatre arts, participated in the 1997 National Communication Association Conference where she presented research and/or performed on the following juried panels: "The Geography of Culture: The Impact of Rural and Urban Spaces on the Theatrical Practice"; "The Steppenwolf Theatre Company: A Celebration in Performance"; "Where Do we Go From Here: A Critical Look at Mentoring, Membership, and Mission of the NCA Theatre Division"; and "The Chicago Renaissance and Beyond: Literature in Performance." Dr. Patterson-Pratt was elected vice-chair of the Theatre Division of the National Communication Association. This three year commitment includes planning the 1999 Chicago Convention for the Theatre Division and serving on the Legislative Council of the national association. She will move into the chair position in 1999. She was also elected as archivist for the Performance Studies Division of the National Communication Association.

Chancellor **Dave Johnson** was the commencement speaker at Truman State University's winter graduation on December 15. Truman, formerly Northeast Missouri State, in Kirksville, and UMM are fellow members of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC).

Vice chancellor for academic affairs, **Sam Schuman's** essay, " 'Good Night, Sweet Prince': Saying Goodbye to the Dead in Shakespeare's Plays," has been reprinted in *Annual Editions: Dying, Death and Bereavement*, published by McGraw Hill. Schuman also recently served on a COPLAC accreditation team at Henderson State University in Arkansas and as an outside evaluator at the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

Judy Riley, University Relations, will represent UMM on the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Board of Directors beginning in January. She replaces **Vivian Heltemes**.

George Fosgate, former professor of theatre arts, is now doing eight perfor-

mances a week of *Tony N' Tina's Wedding*. He also just shot scenes for a featured part in a Lifetime TV movie - *Final Justice* with Annette O'Toole. Fosgate is in five scenes, four with O'Toole, and one solo scene. The movie is scheduled to air in March.

In Memoriam

Oscar Nelson, 80

Oscar LaVern (Vern) Nelson, a lifetime resident of Alexandria, Minn., died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997, of cancer at his home. LaVern worked at one time in heavy construction on projects such as Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, UMM, Bethany and Knute Nelson Home and the Interstate highway bridge system.

Retired Bush Foundation president receives U of M honorary degree at UMM

JUDY RILEY University Relations

Humphrey Doermann, president of the Bush Foundation from 1971 to 1997, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Minnesota during ceremonies held October 15 at UMM.

The honorary degree, the highest award conferred by the University of Minnesota, is awarded to individuals who have achieved eminence in cultural affairs, public service or a field of knowledge and scholarship. The ceremony represented a portion of UMM's contribution to Inauguration Week, October 13-17, which culminated on the Minneapolis campus on October 17 with the inauguration of Mark G. Yudof as the 14th president of the University of Minnesota.

The day's events focused on the topic, "Conversations About Public Policy and Undergraduate Education," and included, in addition to the academic ceremony, two panel discussions, moderated by Robert Bruininks, executive vice president and provost, University of Minnesota, and the Honorable Michael O'Keefe, University of Minnesota regent and executive vice president and chief executive officer of the McKnight Foundation.

Doermann's address, "Undergraduate Education and the Marketplace," critiqued the implications of this summer's report by the Minnesota



HUMPHREY DOERMANN ACCEPTS A BLANKET GIFT from Carol Ann Davis, vice president, Turtle Mountain (N.D.) Community College, member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa, and instrumental in the founding of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. Davis was a member of the panel on "Learning and Teaching." (Judy Riley photo)

Torrey Westrom Tours UMM



Representative Torrey Westrom (Rep-13A, Elbow Lake) toured the Science and Math building and other science facilities at UMM. Westrom listens to tour guide Lowell Rasmussen (not pictured) with UMM students, l-r, Wade Bronson, MCSA v-p finance and operations, Zimmerman; Linda Rasmussen, legislative intern, Ada; and Sarah Nylander, *University Register* staff reporter and MCSA v-p academic affairs, Brooklyn Park. (Judy Riley photo)



Westrom and WCEDA Member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, Torrey Westrom, visited during a luncheon with members of the West Central Educational Development Association and UMM representatives, held at the Prairie Inn. Pictured, l-r, is Les Norman, superintendent of the Morris Area School District, Westrom, and Kathy Moen, WCEDA. (Judy Riley photo)

State Planning Agency, titled, "Degrees of Excellence: Higher Education in Minnesota."

Humphrey Doermann retired in June 1997, after 26 years as chief executive officer of the Bush Foundation in St. Paul. He teaches in the Urban Studies Program at Macalester College in St. Paul.

It was former Governor Elmer Andersen, then chair of the board of the Bush Foundation, who lured Doermann back to Minnesota in 1971 to take the post of executive director of what had up to then been a relatively small family foundation based in St. Paul (Archibald Granville Bush was a 3M executive who established the Foundation with his wife, Edyth Bassler Bush, in 1953). Under Doermann's leadership, the Bush Foundation has flourished financially and has contributed in a number of ways to improving the quality of life. Through its grants, the Foundation has supported such varied initiatives as battered women's shelters, health care for

children, wilderness preservation, construction of the Ordway Music Theatre, and the strengthening of Minnesota Public Radio, to name a few.

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Rob and Kelly (Nelson) Doohen were married August 2. Kelly teaches seventh-eleventh grade math in Menno, S.D. Robert is a certified nursing assistant and emergency medical technician, and is attending classes at the University of South Dakota to prepare for medical school. Rob and Kelly live in Yankton, S.D.

Matthew Edwards says he is "now responsible for the moral, cultural and musical development of 180 K-fourth graders and 75 ninth-twelfth graders." He lives in Armstrong, Iowa.

Lue Her is one of 48 people who have been selected to participate in the national Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs. The Coro Fellows Program is a nine-month graduate-level fellowship that trains effective and ethical leaders who are committed to serving the public and reviving American democracy. Lue will complete the program in San Francisco, Calif.

Jason Lina is a general assignment reporter at the *Morris Sun-Tribune*. He covers government, education and features.

Nichole (Olson) and David Mahoney were married on June 21. They live in Morris.

Peter Mau got married on August 2. He and his wife live in Castro Valley, Calif.



Oh, the places you can go!

The Center for International Programs and The International Study and Travel Center at UMM

By the year 2000, 50 percent of the students at UMM will have had an international travel experience sometime during their college career. At least that's the goal to which Chancellor David Johnson believes UMM should aspire.

The Center for International Programs (CIP), along with the International Study and Travel Center (ISTC), plays an important role in promoting and assisting students with the many arrangements associated with international study and travel.

"There are many different study-abroad programs," said Thomas McRoberts, director of the Center for International Programs. "UMM's unique contributions are ELTAP (English Language Teaching Assistant Program) and these short-term spring and summer programs."

ELTAP is an undergraduate course that offers students, whose language is English, the opportunity to assist teachers of English in high schools and post-secondary institutions in other countries.

Among the wide variety of study abroad exchange programs and special scholarship opportunities for UMM students are two excellent student exchange programs with Kansai Gaidai University in Japan and Yonsei University in Korea. Kansai Gaidai University, located in Hirakata City, Osaka Japan, offers a yearlong (or single-semester) program in Asian studies. The program is open to any UMM student, regardless of major. Previous study of Japanese language is encouraged, but not required. UMM exchange students may be eligible for special Association of International Education, Japan scholarships for study at Kansai Gaidai.

Yonsei University, located in Seoul, Korea, offers a yearlong or single-semester program in east Asian studies, including course work in history, politics, economics, business, culture, language and society of Korea from early times until the modern era. The UMM application deadline for both exchange programs is March 1, 1998.

UMM also features special summer 1998 study tours to London, Canada/Alaska, the Czech Republic, Italy, Ecuador, France, and Coventry, England. These programs are open anyone and carry college credit.

London Theatre Tour

The London Theatre Tour is March 19-29, 1998. The tour group, directed by UMM professor of theatre, Tap Payne, will see the best theater in the world as well as the most famed sites in London and the English countryside in a whirlwind 10-day tour.

Canada/Alaska

Visit Canada and Alaska — by bus — July 21-August 13, 1998, along with tour director, Peter Whelan, UMM assistant professor of geology. For 23 exciting days, the group will see the breathtaking Canadian Rockies and Danali National Park in Alaska. This trip includes camping along the way.

Czech Republic

Visit some of the cultural and spiritual centers of Central and Eastern Europe including Prague, Vienna, and

Budapest during a summer study program in the Czech Republic, July 1998.

Italy

Stay at the magnificent Brunnenburg Castle in the Italian Alps, and learn about Italian culture and society in a one-month summer study Italian tour featuring visits to such cities as Florence, Venice and Rome. UMM professor of political science and Social Science Division chair Jooinn Lee directs this tour in August 1998.

Paris

Beginners will take a course in "French for Travel and French Culture" with UMM French assistant professor Matt Senior; advanced standing students study at the world famous Sorbonne in Paris on the summer study program in Paris during August of 1998. This trip includes an opportunity to visit some of the greatest cultural sites of the world, including the Louvre, Notre Dame, and the Eiffel Tower.

Coventry, England

An exciting new program to Coventry, England, will be offered during July 1998.

Scholarship opportunities for students studying abroad

Money is a critical matter for every student planning to study abroad. In many cases, regular UMM financial aid can be used, but here are some special scholarship opportunities:

NSEP (National Security Exchange Program) Undergraduate Awards. Up to 250 to 300 undergraduate awards will be given nationally in 1998-1999 for study abroad programs outside of western Europe, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. The UMM application deadline for this scholarship is January 26, 1998.

NSEP Graduate International Fellows are available only to UMM seniors who have been accepted or are applying to a graduate program in a U.S. college or university. These scholarships enable graduate students to add an international dimension to their curriculum. Students in international programs are encouraged to intensify their study of areas, languages, and cultures through overseas study or through foreign language study in an American University (areas excluded are: western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New

Zealand). The UMM application deadline is January 9, 1998.

The Katherine E. Sullivan Scholarship for Study Abroad is available to seniors only. This University of Minnesota scholarship provides an opportunity for U of M seniors, from any campus, to enrich their academic experience with a fifth year of undergraduate study in another country. The Sullivan scholarship is for an entire academic year and will cover all or a portion of in-country educational expenses, room and board, and round trip transportation from the Twin Cities to the study site. The UMM application deadline is January 9, 1998.

The Association of International Education Japan Scholarship is

available for students accepted into the one year exchange with Kansai Gaidai University. This is a new, highly competitive scholarship which carries a \$1,100 monthly stipend, a \$500 settling in allotment and an economy class round-trip air ticket between the U.S. and Japan. Scholarship applications are completed after UMM Kansai Gaidai exchange students are selected.

The Center for International Programs has information about exchanges with Korea and Japan, and the NSEP, Katherine Sullivan, or Japan scholarships, in addition to other study abroad options available through the University of Minnesota and other institutions.

Still Ecuador after all these years

BRIANA SAMPSON University Relations

"We think this is an excellent way for UMM to introduce students to the value and enjoyment of studying abroad."

**Thomas McRoberts
Director
Center for International Programs**

led the original tour back in 1978, plan

Have you ever visited a place that was so exciting that you hoped one day that you would return? Twenty University of Minnesota, Morris students went to Ecuador some 20 years ago to do a study tour. Now they will relive the experience as they set a goal to go back.

Robert Lavenda and Emily Schultz, former UMM anthropology faculty who

again this summer to lead students and UMM alumni back to Ecuador. The students and tour guide will return to Otavalo, Ecuador, where they previously studied the culture, art and society of the country.

The trip will cost approximately \$1,500 and is available on a one-college credit or non-credit basis. This opportunity would be of special interest to Latin American Area Studies, Spanish, history, anthropology and sociology majors.

For more information on the Center for International Programs, contact Thomas McRoberts, director, or Sharon Van Eps, program adviser, at (320) 589-6464.



1978 ECUADOR STUDY GROUP The original group who toured Ecuador gathered September 7 for a 19th anniversary reunion. They are, l-r, Pat Burgos '80, Beth Nelson Burgos '79, Paula Hicks Keller '80, Ben Agar '78, Julie Caspers Agar '78, Rob Lavenda, Emily Schultz, Jackie Rico '96, Julie Bergh '80, Pat Moore '82, and Kevin Hein '82.

Cornerstone



GOING HOG WILD A hog is lead down the Edson Auditorium aisle by two gentlemen identified as Donnell Frederickson and Gale Haukos. (file photo circa 1961)

Now we know our ABCs

Remember when you said that you wanted a good college education, and your great-grandfather said, "In a pig's eye?" Or the time your great-uncle said, "You know, son (daughter), you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear"? (We're only presuming, of course, that they actually said these things. The assumption fits

so well with what comes next.)

If you've even heard of either of these timeworn phrases, you may have been around in the early days of UMM.

Sometime during the 1960s, a program known as the Agricultural Barter for College (ABC) was adopted. The story goes that, though Rodney

A Look Back at Historical Highlights of UMM

Briggs was an administrator -- UMM's first provost -- his background was in agronomy and plant breeding. Thus, he had a wide variety of connections to agriculture. It was during the Briggs era that the ABC program began.

Farmers would take their grain or livestock (perhaps "this little piggy") to market. The elevator would have a consignment sheet where farmers could indicate, for example, that the farmer wanted to give 50 bushels of corn to ABC. UMM received small amounts of money from grain elevators all over western Minnesota and this money was used for scholarships.

As the story was told by Briggs to Vivian Heltemes, now UMM director of alumni relations, the program was highlighted each year with an assembly of townspeople and University

faculty and staff in Edson Auditorium. One year they drove a pig down the aisle of Edson Auditorium and the picture appeared in *Newsweek* magazine.

The ABC program had fabulous support from some very public figures like Hubert Humphrey and former governor and Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman. One year the featured speaker was Freeman. He brought with him an Angus steer which was sold and used for scholarships.

The ABC program did two things: it gave UMM a broad base of support from people interested in the campus, and there was money available for scholarships.

It is unknown why the program stopped by about 1966.

Ponder for the next issue:

As funding is being sought for a Regional Fitness Center, when was the groundbreaking ceremony for the current P.E. Center? And who attended?

Send your answer to *Profile*, Office of University Relations, 11 Education, UMM, Morris, MN 56267-2134.

More Alumni News

Alumni spent the annual sUMMERFest event at the hobby farm of Tim '78 and Deb Peterson in rural Litchfield.



Barb Hippe Opitz '78, Dan Opitz, and Tim Peterson '78 enjoy the sun during Summerfest 3.

Wherever UMM alumni gather, it's always a special occasion. Here is some news about events past and future.

UMM Class of '73 and friends

**25th Class Reunion and UMM Homecoming
October 16-18, 1998**

Mark your calendars!

Additional information will be sent in the spring.

Questions or suggestions?

Call Dennis Gimmestad at (612)296-5462
or e-mail DenGim@aol.com

We want as many 1973 classmates to join in the reunion as is possible. However, the following alumni are 'lost' to us. If you know the whereabouts of any of these members of the Class of '73, please forward their address to: Office of Alumni Relations, 312 Behmler Hall, UMM, Morris, MN 56267 or e-mail: alumni@caa.mrs.umn.edu

*The UMM Alumni Association
cordially invites you
to join in the*

*Annual UMM Mid-Winter Alumni Event
Thursday, February 19, 1998
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

Teja's
3910 West 50th Street
(50th and France)
Edina, Minnesota

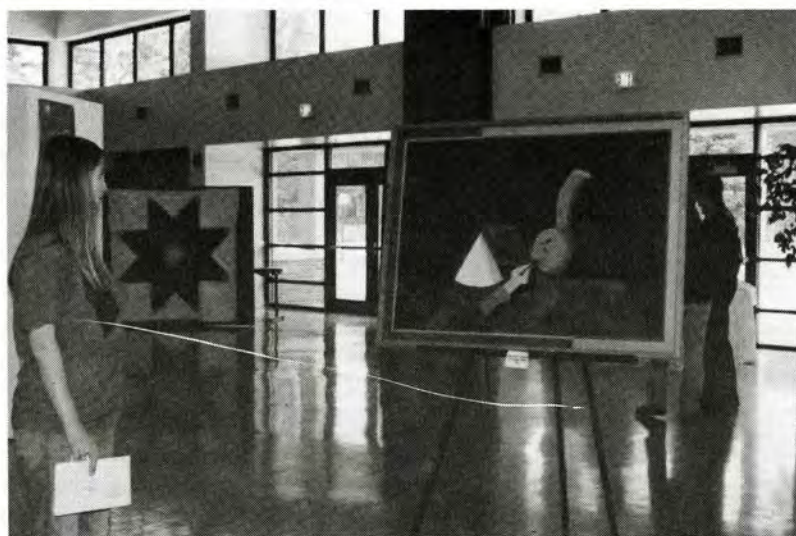
Join with fellow UMMer's for food, socializing, and general merriment.

Hear updates about what is happening at UMM

*For further information, call the Office of Alumni Relations
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MINORITY STUDENT ART SHOW

A variety of art in different media was showcased at the Minority Student Arts Show, held in conjunction with Diversity Jam VIII. (See story on page 8)
(Jessica Gunther photo)

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You can access University of Minnesota, Morris information on the Internet. The UMM homepage is located at:

<<http://www.mrs.umn.edu>>

Read it on the Web:

- University Register
- Weekly Bulletin
- UMM Class Bulletin and Class Schedule

Calendar of Events

At the University of Minnesota, Morris and Elsewhere

January 13-February 7	Gallery Exhibit Three Photographers	April 1-19	Gallery Exhibit Watercolor Paintings: Lois Hodgell Paintings: Lisa Johannes
February 3	Performing Arts Series: The Montana Repertory Theatre Edson Auditorium	April 2, 3 & 4	UMM Jazz Fest Guest artists: Bobby Shew and Steve Houghton Edson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
February 12-March 13	Gallery Exhibit Small Format Four	April 9	Annual Driggs Lecture Stanley Katz, Professor, Princeton University HFA Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.
February 19	Annual UMM Mid-Winter Alumni Event Tejas, 50th and France, Edina 5:30-7:30 p.m.	April 25	Performing Arts Series: Jelon Vieira's DanceBrazil II Edson Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
March 7	Performing Arts Series: Festival of Four Edson Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.		

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